

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION

For River Street Redevelopment Site 125 River Street, Santa Cruz, California

The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) requests public comments on a draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP). The draft RAP proposes to remove soil containing lead, petroleum hydrocarbons, and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons to achieve cleanup goals based upon the potential for multi-family residential use of the property. Excavated soil exceeding these cleanup goals would be disposed of at an appropriate offsite disposal facility and clean fill material would be used to backfill the excavation to the depth necessary for installation of the garage. Groundwater impacted by gasoline and diesel fuels would be treated in place to enhance their natural breakdown and groundwater would continue to be monitored until Basin Plan requirements are met. A draft Negative Declaration was prepared to meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Both the draft RAP and the Negative Declaration are available for review in the information repositories listed below.

The public is invited to comment on the draft RAP and Negative Declaration. DTSC will accept written comments on the draft RAP and Negative Declaration for the River Street Redevelopment Site during a public comment period which runs from May 8, 2002 through June 7, 2002. Please send written comments to:

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Oral and written comments will also be accepted at the public meeting to be held as follows:

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 22, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. Location: Santa Cruz County Veterans Building

846 Front Street, Room 22 Santa Cruz, California

You can review the draft RAP, the CEQA Negative Declaration, and other site-related documents at the following locations:

City of Santa Cruz Public Library DTSC

224 Church Street 700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200 Santa Cruz, California 95060 Berkeley, California 94710

(831) 420-5700 (510) 540-3800

The full administrative record pertaining to this matter is available for public review at the DTSC Berkeley office location.

At the close of the public comment period, DTSC will carefully consider all public comments received and make a final decision on the draft RAP and CEQA Negative Declaration. The public information repositories will contain a copy of the final RAP, final Negative Declaration, all comments received and responses to those comments. All commentors will be notified of the decision and will receive a copy of the responses to comments.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact either Janet Naito, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-2122 or Rachelle Maricq, DTSC Public Participation Coordinator at (510) 540-3910 or e-mail: rmaricq@dtsc.ca.gov. For media questions, please contact Angela Blanchette at (510) 540-3732 or e-mail: ablanchette@dtsc.ca.gov.